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IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT PUDUCHERRY

Present : Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar, i.a.s., District Magistrate, Puducherry.

M.C. No. 11/2013

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 of Cr. P.C.

Whereas, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Puducherry has reported that on 2-7-2013 some of the fishermen of Vambakeerapalayam and Veerampattinam had a clash during wee hours in the middle of the sea during venturing into the sea. Consequent to this incident, the clash reflected in the Fish Market of Big Bazaar as well as in Thengaithittu jetty. The Village Panchayat of Vambakeerapalayam who on self-style declared themselves as the Controller of Fish Market of Big Bazaar imposed ban on fish vending in Big Market by Veerampattinam fishermen. Retaliating to this, the Village Panchayat of Veerampattinam also on self-style declared themselves as the Controller of Thengaithittu jetty imposed ban on parking of all types of boats pertaining to Vambakeerapalayam;

And whereas, as a result of it, on the same day the fishermen of Vambakeerapalayam and Veerampattinam turned violent and beat each other in Thengaithittu estuary. This incident turned further violent when more than 500 persons of Vambakeerapalayam and 500 persons of Veerampattinam unlawfully gathered on the banks of Thengaithittu estuary and started stone pelting on the other sides. In order to bring the situation under control, based on the orders of the Tahsildar-cum-Executive Magistrate, Taluk Office, Puducherry, 5 rounds of tear gas and 2 live rounds from pistol were fired. Thereafter, situation was brought under control and a peace meeting was conducted by the Deputy Collector (Revenue) (North), Puducherry, on 4-7-2013, wherein, the leaders of both the villages agreed and handshaked to maintain public tranquillity and also assured to control their youths, accordingly;

And whereas, eventhough the leaders of Vambakeerapalayam and Veerampattinam agreed to maintain public tranquillity, in an unprecedented move riot broke out at 4.00 a.m. on 8-7-2013 when 10 boats of Veerampattinam area surrounded a boat of Vambakeerapalayam area and started attacking the fishermen with deadly weapons and bottles. This message spread rapidly to both the villagers, which remained as the main cause of fresh rioting by both the villagers;

And whereas, this fresh attack immediately spread to both the villages and fresh tug broke out between the fishermen of Vambakeerapalayam and Veerampattinam in Fish Market in Big Market. With the sole motive to attack their rival groups around 500 persons of Vambakeerapalaym and around 500 persons of Veerampattinam swiftly gathered in Thengaithittu estuary with deadly weapon of long handled metal spears locally called as Suluki. Both the sides started stone pelting and despite the presence of police forces in both the sides of the river lead by Superintendent of Police (North) and Superintendent of Police (Rural), the situation remained uncontrolled at one stage. The fishermen of Veerampattinam in multiple number of boats penetrated to the middle of the river and instigated the fishermen of Vambakeerapalayam for fight. On the other hand the fishermen of Vambakeerapalaym continued stone and bottle pelting on the Veerampattinam fishermen;

And whereas, as the situation remained uncontrol, the Tahsildar-cum-Executive Magistrate, Taluk Office, Puducherry directed the police to open fire and accordingly 7 tear gas and 7 number of live rounds from pistol were fired and thereafter the situation came under control;

And whereas, according to the revenue intelligence, both the villagers have ordered the entire villagers to gather in Thengaithittu estuary on the early morning of 9-7-2013 with deadly weapons in order to attack the other side vigorously as tit for tat, which includes damaging the boats;

And whereas, eventhough both the villagers have agreed to maintain peace in the presence of the Deputy Collector (Revenue) (North), Puducherry, they have breached their assurance and this continuing disturbance to the public will affect the public tranquillity. Moreover, the only resort to control the unlawful gathering on both the sides said to be in thousands is to initiate a stringent action to bring the law and order under control. Thus, in order to have control over this emergent situation within the grip of the District Administration, situation warrants to impose section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code by restricting the unlawful gathering of villagers of Vambakeerapalayam and Veerampattinam;

And whereas, as there is every potential to cause unrest or danger to the peace and tranquillity in all the fishermen hamlets of Puducherry because of the dispute between the fishermen of Vambakeerapalayam and Veerampattinam, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Puducherry has requested to pass necessary order under section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code in respect of Vambakeerapalayam fishermen hamlet, Vambakeerapalayam seashore, Thengaithittu estuary, Thengaithittu jetty, Veerampattinam fishermen hamlet and Veerampattinam seashore;

And whereas, I, Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry am satisfied, based on the information placed before me and other facts which are available to me, that the situation in Vambakeerapalayam fishermen hamlet, Vambakeerapalayam seashore, Thengaithittu estuary, Thengaithittu jetty, Veerampattinam fishermen hamlet and Veerampattinam seashore is likely to endanger public tranquillity;

And whereas, in my opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and immediate prevention is desirable;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry, hereby prohibit the assemblage of five or more persons in public streets or thoroughfares or in public places and prohibit the carrying of weapons, sticks, banners, placards, etc., by any person and also prohibit the shouting of slogans and acting in any other manner detrimental to public peace and tranquillity in Vambakeerapalayam fishermen hamlet, Vambakeerapalayam seashore, Thengaithittu estuary, Thengaithittu jetty, Veerampattinam fishermen hamlet and Veerampattinam seashore of Puducherry District with immediate effect;

This order does not apply to purely religious functions, marriages and funerals;

At Puducherry, dated this 8th day of July 2013.

Dr. S.B. DEEPAK KUMAR, I.A.S., District Magistrate.